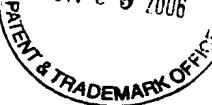


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

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Sir:

Applicants, by the undersigned attorney, respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing their response so that the Request for Continued Examination and the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal filed simultaneously with this Petition will be considered timely filed.

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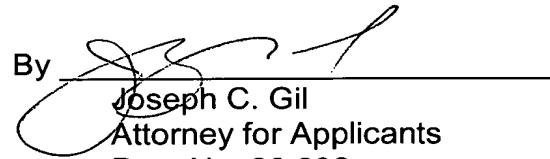
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